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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Rodolphe Lourdel ) Examiner: Swiger III, James L  
Application No.: 10/697,034 ) Art Unit: 3733  
Filed: October 31, 2003 )  
For: VERTEBRAL ANCHORING DEVICE AND )  
ITS BLOCKING DEVICE ON A POLYAXIAL )  
SCREW )

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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**AND**  
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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